(b) were there any special reasons for the Government for not appointing a full-time officer for the new post; if so, what are they?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—

(a) The following were the applicants.—

Messrs.

1. K. P. Karuppan.
2. V. R. M. Chohan.
3. P. K. Kumaran.
4. E. K. Kittu
5. C. Parameswara Menon

(b) Government did not consider that a full-time officer was absolutely necessary for the present.

Member of the Depressed Classes in the State service and in the Council.

31. Mr. I. E. Ambooken.—Will the Government be pleased to state whether there is any Member for the depressed classes in the Cochin Legislative Council and the Cochin Government Service?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar —The Member is referred to "Schedule No. 1" of the Electoral Rules and to Diwan's Proceedings C. No. 5200/1101, dated 10th April 1927, published in the Cochin Government Gazette appointing the Director of Public Instruction as *ex-Officio* Protector of the depressed classes.

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